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# AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned Auditor, chosen at the last annual meeting of the town of Unity for the fiscal year beginning March 9th, 1880, and ending March 7th, 1881, submits the following report:

It appears by the report of Hon. Amos Perkins, Town Treasurer, which is herewith submitted, that the treasury is chargeable with the following sums of money, to wit.—

Cash in treasury March 8th, 1880	\$157 07
Rec'd of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax	699 60
“ Literary Fund	70 30
“ bounty on hawks, &c.	21 00
J. E. Reed for use of law books	10 00
A. A. Gilman for old planks	25
Norris Lufkin, Collector for 1878	1 25
Overseer of Poor, county pauper bills	332 06
Norris Lufkin, Collector for 1879, taxes	555 11
“ “ interest on same	21 99
Norris Lufkin, Collector for 1880, taxes	2 015 39
“ “ interest on same	3 68
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Footing	\$3 887 70

Which amount is accounted for by the payment of orders drawn by the Selectmen, as follows:

Paid to State Treasurer, State tax	\$720 00
County Treasurer, County tax	823 39
out school money, as per Treasurer's report	896 93
Paid for support of county paupers	\$332 06
“ town paupers,	
to wit,—	
John H. Paul	154 93
aid to A. Walker	42 87
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	197 80
non-resident highway taxes	529 86
for repairing roads and bridges, as per	11 71
Treasurer's report	292 69

Paid for bounty on hawks	\$4 00
damage to sheep by dogs	26 00
damage on highways	81 75
water troughs	13 00
Sextons' bills	37 50

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Paid to Rumrill & Judkins, school	
house tax for 1879	\$16 00
A. H. Gould for surveying road	1 00
J. M. Perkins for express and	
postage	2 40
S. Sleeper for sawing and storing	
wood	1 77
Selectmen for postage	70
S. Sleeper for repairing town house	1 17
"        wood for        "	3 00
A. and J. M. Perkins for making	
taxes, tax bills, dividing school	
money and recording	16 00
Claremont Manufacturing Co.	2 05
George Stowell for powder	42
Claremont M <sup>f</sup> g Co. for stationery	5 50
N. Lufkin, bill of costs, Tebo	
tax case	2 66
bills for returning births and deaths	3 75
H. W. Parker for counsel	5 00
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	61 42

#### TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid to E. W. Woodell for looking	
up title to old town house lot	
and as committee on old	
town house	\$2 00
John Paul, com. on old town house	1 00
S. Sleeper for care of town house	2 00
"        ringing and tolling bell	2 25
U. M. Straw as Selectman lay. road	2 25
J. Paul, Supervisor 1879 and 1880	6 50
A. Perkins,        "        "	6 50
F. L. Quimby,        "        "	6 50
Ira B. Walker, Supervisor	3 75
Frank Wright,        "	3 75

Paid to Mrs. Ada M. Walker, Superin	
tending School Committee	\$32 94
Amos Perkins Town Treasurer	16 00
Salem Sleeper, Overseer of the poor	21 75
J. M. Perkins for service as	
Town Clerk	20 00
Norris Lufkin, service as Collector	50 00
S. Sleeper, boarding town officers	13 00
A. H. Gould, service as Selectman	45 50
I. P. Breed, " "	40 50
A. A. Gilman, " "	45 00
E. W. Woodell, services as Auditor	3 00
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	324 19

The whole amounting to \$3 822 44  
 For all of which the Selectmen show  
 proper vouchers.

Which deducted from receipts, \$3,887.70, leaves  
 a balance in the treasury 65 26

I find from the Auditor's report, Mar.  
 1880, that there was due from  
 Collector for 1878 for taxes the  
 sum of \$6 00  
 And interest on same 60  
 On which had accrued interest 30

Making \$6 90  
 Which is accounted for as follows:  
 Received by abatements \$5 65  
 " cash to balance 1 25

Making \$6 90

It also appears from the same report that  
 there was due from the Collector for  
 1879 for taxes the sum of 688 97

Which sum is accounted for as follows:  
 By Treasurer, cash \$555 11  
 non-resident highway tax receipts 45 73  
 abatements 18 71

l Making \$619 55



Which deducted from above leaves		
remaining	\$69 42	
Interest on same	8 80	
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Makes due the town (for 1879)		78 22

It appears from the records of the Selectmen  
that the whole amount of taxes placed in  
the hands of the Collector for 1880 was \$2 626 09

Which is accounted for in the  
following manner :

Rec'd by Treasurer, cash	\$2 015 39
abatements	18 85
non-resident highway tax receipts	57 44
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    Making \$2 091 68

Which deducted from the above	
leaves remaining	\$534 41
Interest on same from Dec. 1st	14 40
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    Making the sum due the town from  
    the Collector for the current year 548 81

There is also due the town from bounties on  
hawks, 1880 4 00

I find the following claims outstanding  
against the town :

To J. M. Perkins for services as	
Superintending School Committee	\$31 00
S. Straw for services as Supervisor	3 75
I. P. Breed for stone for bridge near	
A. T. Walker's	1 00

For damages to sheep by dogs,—

To Norris Lufkin	5 00
Samuel Davis	3 00
I. P. Breed	4 00
Benjamin Gilman	1 25
George E. Dame	4 00
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Making	\$53 00

## RECAPITULATION.

## ASSETS.

Balance remaining in the treasury	\$65 26
Due the town from the Collector for 1879	78 22
“ “ “ 1880	548 81
“ bounty on hawks, 1880	4 00
Making	<hr/> \$696 29
Deducting outstanding claims as above from total assets and there remains in favor of the town	\$643 29

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. W. WOODDELL, Auditor.

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## SCHOOL REPORT.

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The undersigned, Superintending School Committee of Unity, in compliance with the requirements of law, submits the following report :

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

The summer term of school in this district was taught by Miss Eva A. Fuller, of Charlestown. Length of school 8 weeks of 5 days each. Whole number of pupils attending school 2 weeks or more, 22—boys 10, girls 12. Our school registers did not require teachers to certify the number of scholars attending to each study and only a portion of the teachers included a statement of that item in their report. The fall term was taught by Miss Francelia M. Cutting, of Newport. Length of school 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars 24—boys 12, girls 12. The winter term was under the instruction of Mrs. Ada M. Walker, of this town. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars 24—12 boys, 12 girls.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

In this district the summer term was taught by Miss Ruth A. Paul, of Unity. Length of school, 6 weeks. Whole

No. of pupils 32—boys 11, girls 21. No. of pupils studying reading 32, spelling 32, arithmetic 20, grammar 6, geography 13, penmanship 13. The fall and winter terms in this district were both taught by Miss Carrie E. Gee, of this town. Length of fall term 9 weeks. Whole No. of scholars 33—boys 15, girls 18. No. in reading 33, spelling 33, penmanship 24, arithmetic 24, geography 13, grammar 4, composition 3. Length of winter term 11 weeks. Whole No. of pupils 28—boys 15, girls, 13. No. in reading 28, spelling 28, penmanship 21, arithmetic 26, geography 16, grammar 5, composition 4.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.

In this district were two terms of school, both taught by Miss Evelina Lathrop, of Acworth. Length of summer term, 7 weeks. Whole No. of scholars, 11—boys 5, girls 6. Length of winter term, 11 weeks. Whole No. of scholars, 7—boys 5, girls 2.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

In this district was a single term of school, with a short vacation after the fifth week, taught by Mrs. Della J. Alexander, of this town. Length of school, 13 4-5 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 11—boys 7, girls 4. No. in reading 11, spelling 11, arithmetic 8, geography 2, grammar 1, algebra 1, penmanship 11.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

The school in this district was taught by Mrs. Emma L. Stowell, of Acworth. Length of school, 10 1-5 weeks. Whole No. of pupils 9—boys 4, girls 5.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

In this district were two terms of school, both under the instruction of Mrs. Edwin S. Bailey, of Unity. Length of summer term, 10 weeks. Whole No. of scholars, 14—boys 13, girls 1. Length of fall term, 10 4-5 weeks. Whole No. of pupils 16—boys 15, girls 1. No. in reading 14, spelling 14, arithmetic 4, geography 1, penmanship 1, book-keeping 1.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

In this district was a single term of school taught by Mrs. F. J. Thompson, of Newport. Length of school, 9 1-5 weeks. Whole No. of pupils, 3—boys 1, girls 2. Pupils



studying reading 3, spelling 3, penmanship 3, geography 2, grammar 1.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

In this district were two terms of school, taught by Miss Lottie Lewis, of Claremont. Length of summer term 8 weeks. Whole No. of pupils 34—boys 19, girls 15. Length of fall term, 12 weeks. Whole No. of scholars, 35—boys 20, girls 15.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11.

In this district were two terms of school, both taught by Miss Leila B. Perkins, of this town. Length of summer term, 7 weeks. Whole No. of scholars, 3—boys 1, girls 2, Length of fall term, 7 weeks. No. of pupils, 4—boys 2, girls 2. No. in reading 3, spelling 3, penmanship 2, arithmetic 2, grammar 1, geography 1.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

The summer term in this district was taught by Miss Helen W. Farnum, of this town. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole No. of pupils, 12—boys 7, girls 5. No. in reading 12, spelling 11, penmanship 3, arithmetic 8, geography 4, grammar 1. The fall term in this district was taught by Mrs. Nettie L. S. Johnson, of Unity. Length of school, 12 weeks. Whole No. of scholars, 11—boys 6, girls 5. No. of scholars studying reading 11, spelling 11, arithmetic 7, geography 6, grammar 2, algebra 2, physiology 1.

The number of children in the town between 5 and 15 years of age, as reported by the selectmen in April last was 159—boys 86, girls 73—, and the whole number of persons in the town between 4 and 21 years of age reported as 242. The whole number of children in the town between 5 and 15 years of age who have not attended any school during the past year was, as reported by the teachers, 14. No persons were reported, by teachers, between 14 and 21 years of age unable to read and write.

The duties of teachers in regard to making return of their school registers to the Superintending School Committee seem not to be well understood by Prudential Committees generally. The statute is in these words—Gen. Laws., chap 89., sec. 16—"Every teacher at the close of his school and at the end of each term thereof, shall make

a return of such register or record to the school committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof, and no teacher shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the Prudential Committee."

Considering that in future I might have little to do with our district schools, I, early in the past year, formed the resolution that I would introduce no new text books in the schools during the year requiring an outlay of money on the part of parents, but in December last a book agent called on me, requesting me to examine Warren's Class-Word Speller, which he desired should be introduced in the schools. I liked the work well, and he, learning the resolution I had formed, above referred to, finally proposed to furnish the books for introduction on even exchange for the old books, book for book, without money and without price. This offer I considered too advantageous to the schools to be rejected. I accordingly gave him a certificate that the books had been adopted by the committee as a text-book in our schools, taking at the time a certificate from him that the Superintending School Committee should have the ensuing season to complete the introduction of the book. On account of ill-health, your committee was unable to attend the closing exercises of three terms of school.

As indicating the interest felt by scholars in our schools during the past year, I give the names of those pupils who have attended every half day of a term without being tardy. It is no small thing for a young scholar to accomplish this result. It requires a good deal of energy and a good deal of perseverance, and, in addition, a considerable amount of labor. The names of those scholars that occur twice were placed upon the Roll of Honor at two different terms of school. Amy Clough, Hattie Clough, Lizzie Stowell, Carrie Thurber, Clara Thurber, Eddie Bartlett, George Moore, Eugene Moore, Sidney Thurber, Georgie Huntoon, Albert Paul, Ida C. Anderson, Annie E. Clough, Hattie M. Clough, Carrie Thurber, Clara Thurber, Eddie Bartlett, Eugene Moore, Frank G. Moore, Homer Wright, Eddie Bartlett, Lizzie Stowell, Carrie E. Crossman, Nellie F. White, Rosina Stone, J. Homer Anderson, Don O. Hall, Nettie Jennings, Frank L. Wright, Annie G. Stowell, Herbert F. Quimby, Emerson A. Quimby, H. F. Quimby, Abbie G. Wait, Florence E. Lufkin, Ara Alexander, Lutie

Alexander, Jimmie Brodie, Henry Brodie, Charles Harwood, Henry Brodie, Annie M. Walker, Nettie L. Walker, Cora Hooper, Mattie Rock, Emory Ordway, Chester Ordway, Willie Rock, Maria Rock, Nellie Rock, Ernest French, Willie Rock, Abbie M. Perkins, A. M. Perkins, Bessie M. Breed, B. M. Breed, Emerson A. Quimby. Also Genie Moore, Frank Moore, Genie Paul, Bertie Paul, Nettie L. Roundy returned as absent only on account of sickness.

I find also, by reports of teachers, that parents and others have made 285 visits to our schools during the year past.

I think at this time I may properly congratulate the town and particularly the parents of the town upon the success which has attended our schools generally during the school year just closed. In all our districts, and in nearly every term of school, scholars, as well as teachers, are entitled to a high degree of commendation. On my visits to the schools I endeavored to impress upon the minds of scholars the great importance of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the sciences, particularly of the common English branches, and I had the satisfaction of witnessing what appeared to me a good degree of improvement made during almost every term of school.

Perhaps it is not strictly necessary to mention names of teachers where success has been so general, still I may say that Miss Fuller, Miss Cutting, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Gee, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Lathrop, Miss Farnum, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Alexander, and Mrs. Stowell have each evinced a skill and aptitude to teach alike creditable to themselves and advantageous to the districts where they have been employed. During the early portion of the past year, while performing the duties devolving upon me, it occurred to me that just twenty years ago I performed similar duties as School Committee of the town. As I visited the schools this year, I looked in upon the cheerful faces of happy children, and at first it seemed to me that I had looked upon the same faces on the occasion of my last visit to those schools; but, scanning the countenances more closely, I detected my mistake. No. The youngest scholar of twenty years ago had now grown to manhood or to womanhood, as the case might be, and had gone out, if living, to perform his or her part in the great drama of active life. In short, one generation had disappeared from the school-room since my last visit and



another had come to occupy its place. The youth of our country constitute the hope of our country. Very soon they will come to be the men and women of the age. It was a remark well conceived by the wise man when he said, "bring up the child in the way in which he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Could this injunction be literally fulfilled on the part of every parent and every teacher in the land, then might we look forward with implicit confidence that the places we fill would be better filled by those who shall come after us,—that the priceless inheritance of free institutions, bequeathed to us by our patriotic ancestors, would be transmitted unimpaired to generations yet unborn. But, as perfection does not exist on earth, the wisest thing we are able to do as parents and as guardians would seem to be to work as nearly as possible to our ideal standard,—give our children and those under our control the very best instruction we know how to give, select as teachers in our district schools such persons, and such only, as we have reason to believe will succeed the best in the responsible positions to which they are called, visit our schools frequently, that teachers and scholars may be encouraged in the great work in which they are engaged, and, having thus faithfully discharged our duties, we may confidently submit the result into the hands of the great abiter of events, committing to his guardian care the momentous interests of posterity and of country.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH M. PERKINS,

Unity, Mar. 8, 1881. — Supt. School Committee.

#### STATISTICS OF INVENTORY APRIL 1, 1880.

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Total valuation of real estate and personal property	\$273,184.00
Two hundred and six polls, at \$100.00 each	20,600.00
Total	<hr/> \$293,784.00

The rate of taxation was eighty-one cents in cash on \$100, and thirty-five cents in labor on highways.





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